date fixed for completion of the construction of each dam; and

(c) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) to (c) A Statement giving details of ongoing major dam projects alongwith their schedule of completion is attached. The steps taken for expeditious construction of these projects so as to derive early benefits are, giving priority to those projects which have made substaintial progress, earmarking by the Planning Commission of outlays for important projects intensive monitoring of important projects by Central Water Commission and the States, setting up of Cost Control Cells in the States, etc. [*See* Appendix 175, Annexure No. 49]

Import of Penicillin

1972. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that half of the penicillin requirement of the country is met through imports;

(b) the names of the countries from where this drug is imported and the total amount involved in foreign exchange;

(c) whether Government are contemplating to set up any project in Gujarat for producing penicillin to avoid its import;

(d) if so, the details of the scheme and the extent of saving against the drug's import; and

(e) the likely date of production in the country for meeting the total requirement of penicillin?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS (SHRI RAM LAKHAN SINGH YADAV): (a) In order to regulate to imports of Potassium penicillin G First Crystals (pen. G), a Policy called the Pen. G Policy, is announced from time to time. According to the existing Policy, the ratio for use of domestic material and the imported material has been fixed as 70 (domestic): 30 (imported).

(b) Pen. G is being imported from various countries including, China, USA, Austria, Russia, Hungary, Germany, Netherlands, Japan, Mexico etc.

(c) to (e) Government does not intend to set up a project in Gujarat for manufacture of Pen. G. However, M/s. Torrent Gujarat Biotech Ltd. (TGBL), a unit in the private sector in Gujarat, has started commercial production this year. Two other new units have also commenced commercial production.

Checking of Drop-out Rate

1973. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a report published in the 'Times of India' of 28th November, 1995 to the effect that the Government reports on the high drop-out rate and low level of learning in the schools do not acknowledge the corporal punishment as one of the main reasons;

(b) if so, the facts and details of various factors responsible for the increase in drop-out rate at Primary, Secondary and University level;

(c) the details of suggestions made by various committees set up by Government for adopting rational ways by schools to induce discipline and to check drop-out among the students; and

(d) the steps Government have taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION) (DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) While drop put rates are declining at